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WORKING GROUP ON ECONOMIC DEFENSE POLICY AND PLANNING

Agenda for Meeting of December 19, 1955

1. Establishment of Panel on Research Planning.
2. Working Group assignment concerning emergency action steps--economic warfare.
3. Problem of coordination and implementation of US policy concerning Soviet economic penetration of under developed countries.

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[redacted] assigned for secretarial service
for WG III

1. Wright ad hoc committee on shelving report as predecessor to WG III Panel. Wright continues to chair. No meeting on research contemplated soon, until pending projects completed subject to call by chairman. Any WG III member can request meeting. No discussion panel activity planned.

2. Zon: Background as follows. WCRB had program of emg. action checklists for (a) mobilization + (b) initiation hostilities. Then WCRB absorbed into ODM. About then EDAC said it thought study suitable forum. Chairman WG III tried find place in govt with central responsibility, found none + a WG II paper recommended NSC act; then Budget Bureau got involved; somehow matter got back to ODM.

Now subject revived. Reformation of key people remains one stimulus to this.

3. Dr. Lang asks WG III undertake part of the

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W. Zang also asks prompt action and his other
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suggestions re US actions re countries for international
comittee situations. In W. Zang memo to Monroe.

Chman will have secretary distribute copies to
WG III mbs

Hale: due discussions Ex of Pres. ODM
reinforced this. (NB no one knows results or impact
NF: what assumptions R war. Daingerfield study.)

Tom: agree, need to know. Lets invite ODM
as ad hoc rep. WGIII for this.

Tom: also the relocation exercise + distribution endov-
nated issues re possible intra-agency coordination

Tom: asks ea. agency reflect on steps necessary at
initial emergency + consider those believed to belong to
it. Will ask ODM participate. We will meet
again soon + block out program. ODM wants your
response.

Zuckerman: E. has already responded to request in Oct-Nov
to state emergency steps + draft legislation, colls, etc.
thinks other agencies are also doing this. He
thinks this is to enable govt create realism
in next June's major relocation exercise.

Tom appoints Zuckermon as his agent to push this
project.

Meeting Wed 2:30 PM State Annex 7 Room 230
1TR Confer. Room

3. Penetration topics

Tom Stop Study 12 calls for review ea. new case or situation as arises
to see if US response adequate. Mechanism of EDAC said to be adequate.
WG I was given standing assignment these new cases. Since then penetration
activities stepped up & US, UK, et al are considering at top levels +
perhaps do a coordinated response. Some cases acute, e.g. Burmese
rice puk yers; e.g. Afghan. Tom concerned proliferation of cooks in
current cases bypassing WG II. This may be due to lack of ability
involved which makes WG coordination impossible.